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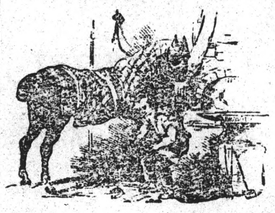

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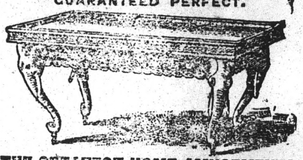

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On the street—
As I watch from some secluded
Calm retreat—
And I wonder in amaze
Whence you learned your pretty ways,
And the roguish romps and plays
Of your feet.

Sure it must have been some fairy
Island fay,
Or some creature of your former
World and day,
Who has taught you summer nights
By the Jack-o'-Lantern lights
And the music of the sprites
How to play.

And I wonder if the health-bloom
Of your cheeks,
Where the rose-tints play a million
Hide-and-seeks,
Was not stolen from the flowers
In those early matin hours
When the elves drop dewy showers
In their freaks.

And the merry twinkling turquoise
Of your eyes,
As they open wide in wonder
And surprise,
Is a bit of heaven's blue
That was ravished thence by you
When you bade your last adieu
To the skies.

But my heart grows heavy lade
With a fear,
Lest you weary of this dull,
Prosaic sphere;
Lest you take unto you wings,
Free yourselves from mundane things,
And—away!—from him who sings
Disappear.

—Ernest Howard Hunter, in Current

AN OLD BANDBOX.

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I.

Mr. Merridew had a new idea. When Mr. Merridew had an idea the fact became apparent to all the subjects of his domestic kingdom, even to the house cat, as that brindled animal sat on the counter of the store in a moment of luxurious idleness. Not only did Mr. Merridew make mistakes in giving change, and stroke pussy's fur the wrong way, but he stared his family out of countenance while partaking of his supper.

"How do you like it, pa?" inquired Rosy, for he was tasting a custard pie of her own baking.

"Why, I think it would do very well, indeed," he replied, briskly, and, if the truth be told, waving his knife in the air. "There is no reason why it should not do in America as well as in Europe."

Rosy opened her pretty blue eyes.

"The custard pie is always made on Aunt Hannah's receipt," she said, with housewifely dignity.

"Very nicely seasoned," assented her abstracted parent. "A little too much—pepper, perhaps."

"Well, I never!" exclaimed Mrs. Merridew. "Pepper in a pie! I suppose you mean nutmeg."

Mr. Merridew rose, knocked over his chair. "You find ignorance everywhere, the world over, and poor people," he announced to his mystified womankind.

"Yes, we are poor enough," observed his wife.

"Eh? So we are!" retorted Mr. Merridew, evidently startled into self-consciousness by this sententious statement.

"Oh! if Harry only had a thousand dollars!" sighed Rosy, clasping her plump hands under her dimpled chin.

Rosy Merridew was fair to look upon, and her presence brightened the dingy little city room, even as it gladdened the hearts of her parents. Sunlight and lamplight alike rendered her hair a curling golden halo about her fresh young face, where an expression of trouble dawned at that allusion to the poverty of the Merridew connection. A slender purse had not robbed the girl of a single dimple, however, while the toilets devised by her own ingenuity out of cotton print and wool, in imitation of the silk and brocade of fashionable show cases, were of surprising variety, and invariably becoming.

Mrs. Merridew was of a gaunt and grim exterior. She kept a vigilant eye on the household, and was prone to reminiscences of the mountain village where she was born. A pot of geraniums bloomed on the window-ledge, as a *souvenir* of hill pastures and the scent of the woods. Mrs. Merridew could count the pennies with frugal care, and hoard shining coins in a money-box with a yellow chimney, but she was helpless in the store, and felt oddly shamefaced behind the counter.

"Your father's got some plan in his head," remarked Mrs. Merridew, when the master of the house had whisked away from the supper table with a celerity of movement peculiar to him.

"Of course he has," assented Rosy, nibbling a crumb of pastry, in defiance of all the laws concerning complexion. "Father is the smartest man in New York—except Harry."

"So he is," affirmed Mrs. Merridew, with loyalty.

In the meanwhile Mr. Merridew had returned to the store and lighted the gas. His daughter's words still echoed in his ears. "Oh! if Harry only had a thousand dollars!" He was a small and wiry old man, with shrewd and cheerful countenance, blue eyes that twinkled behind his spectacles, and a pair of large ears which rendered the sparseness of his gray locks the more conspicuous. An upright man, although making so little stir in the world, he owed nobody a penny. "Live within your income, if it is only sixpence a day," was the creed of plain John Merridew. It is true he enjoyed few chances of doubling the sixpences, and perhaps would have lacked the bold enterprise requisite to grasp passing opportunity by the hair in some brilliant speculation had it come to him.

"I wish Harry might get the thousand dollars which would set him up in life," he soliloquized.

He turned down the gas a trifle, then rearranged the stock of new papers and fresh magazines on the counter. Books lined the shelves, while a small circulating library of dingy volumes in uniform binding occupied one side of the place. Mr. Merridew nodded at the books, as if taking them into his confidence, then placed a table in a remote corner, with a chair behind it. He next attached a curtain of green cambric to a hook in the wall by a loop, and drew it across the intervening space to a second hook in the opposite wall, thus screening the table from public view. An inkstand, a rack of pens and a case of white ruled paper were supplemented. A large piece of pasteboard fashioned into a placard was produced from a drawer of the table, and bore these words, inscribed in large characters:

LETTERS WRITTEN HERE.

APPLY WITHIN.

The bell attached to the door tinkled sharply. A young woman approached, and glancing over the curtain at Mr. Merridew, burst into a musical laugh. At the same moment Rosy ran in to greet the newcomer, and paused in surprise at the unusual aspect of her father seated in the curtained recess.

"Laugh on, girls," said the little old man, rubbing his hands together with good humor. "Glad to see you, Maggie, my dear. Perhaps the curtain should be a—

—nigher—eh?—as you can see over it. I was reading in the newspaper this morning about the public letter-writer of other lands. There is the scribe of the East with his ink-horn in his girdle, ready to do any man's bidding, and there is the letter-writer of Italy, Spain and France, with some little nook where he can be found by despairing sweethearts, and others whose early education has been neglected. I took a prize for neat penmanship once, and I still have a writing class or two, you know. Now I am going to hang this placard in the window to-morrow morning, and if I make a pot of money writing letters, I will help Harry on a bit."

Rose slipped her arm around her parent's neck and kissed him on the top of his bald head.

"The newspaper is the history of the entire world for a single day, as some great man has said," remarked Margaret Lewiston, accepting an office stool, for she was very tired.

She placed an old and dilapidated bandbox on the floor beside her as she spoke, and consulted her watch.

"Where did you get that bandbox?" cried Rosy.

Margaret laughed, and raised it to the level of Mr. Merridew's table for public inspection.

"The bandbox looks as if it might have held your great-grandmother's best bonnet, Rosy," she said. "Handsome as it is, I am going to ask you to stow it away somewhere for me. How did I come by the thing? Why I met Heloise Michant; she had been to my house to beg me to keep the bandbox for her, so I took possession of it then and there, and brought it around here, as I have a message to deliver from Harry."

"Who is Heloise Michant?" inquired Mr. Merridew, eying the bandbox askance.

"When I took charge of the Perkins children in Europe last year, their mother hired Heloise Michant in Paris, and brought her on home with us," Maggie explained. "The girl is Alsacian, I believe. She was frightened and homesick, poor thing! I did not suppose she remembered me, yet she knew even my address, it seems. A sister has arrived at Baltimore, and she wished me to take charge of her worldly goods while she went to seek the new-comer. She is not sure of retaining her place afterward. I met her near my house, and promised to do so; then I decided to come here instead."

"Why didn't she take her bandbox with her?" demanded Mr. Merridew, gloomily.

Both girls laughed merrily.

"It would not hold together for a journey," giggled Rosy, lifting a torn edge of the cover so that the contents could be seen—some fragments of faded silk and ribbons, the finery dear to the heart of maid-servants, since all distinctive costumes of class have been abandoned in favor of tawdry imitation of the mistress.

"How well it is tied together, though!" said Mr. Merridew, alluding to a quantity of fine cord knotted about the box in such a manner as to retain the cover in place.

"I will put it away in my closet, Maggy," said Rosy. "You have enough on your hands without stray bandboxes, dear."

Margaret Lewiston was tall, large and twenty years of age. She was attired in mourning, with a ruche of crape about her throat instead of a white collar—a costume which enhanced the pallor of her complexion and the warm tones of her abundant auburn hair, gathered in a superb mass at the back of the head. Severe simplicity robbed her of youthful coquetry, while the carriage of her shoulders evinced a resolute nature. She had firm faith in her personal plainness, and her world accepted her at her own valuation. She would have cut off her red hair with a relentless hand, had she not feared that her droll aspect, thus shorn, would make the children laugh; she was a teacher in one of the great public schools.

She loved the dimples, the pink-tinted cheeks, and graceful figure of Rosy Merridew with a generous appreciation of the beauty of another rare among women.

Harry's message delivered, she departed to attend a teachers' meeting, and a friendly ray followed her from Mr. Merridew's door. The night was clear and cold, with Christmas three weeks away. Ice crusted the pavement, and the shops were bright with holiday decorations. Margaret quitted the Sixth Aveaue, where the store was situated, directing her steps toward the east side of the town. As she reached the corner of a crowded thoroughfare a light blow of a cane swept off her hat. Surprised and indignant, she caught the hat, and turned to discover the aggressor. A man had just climbed the steps of a cellar restaurant with a freshly lighted cigar in his mouth and a stout walking-stick under his arm. His flowing beard and wide-brimmed felt hat proclaimed him an artist. He had been dining at an Italian eating-house on minestra, macaroni served in bowls, crisp frittura, and calame, in remembrance of similar meals partaken of in a vine-draped pergole of the Roman Campagna, or on the rocks of Capri—banquets flavored with laughter, and flasks of golden Lacrima Cristi, and the red Falerno wines.

"You should be more careful with your cane, sir," said Margaret Lewiston, curtly, standing there in the full brilliancy of the gas lamp.

He made no reply, but gazed at her intently. As Maggy replaced her hat and hurried away, a curious thing happened. Amid the roll of heavy vehicles, the crack of whips, the tread of many feet, two voices reached her ear distinctly, as a thread of sound sometimes pierces a tumult of more confused noise. The first voice said, in the French language:

"Did you see her?"

"Yes," replied the second voice.

"Would you know her again?"

"Trust me for that, my friend."

Maggy shuddered, and yet she glanced behind her as she turned the next corner. The man who had emerged from the restaurant seemed about to part with a comrade in the crowd.

"Can they have meant me?" she wondered. And again that nervous shiver chilled her blood.

II.

Next day Mr. Merridew adjusted his placard in the window. He imagined that the eye of the street would be immediately attracted to the unusual announcement of letter-writing. He waited, like a hopeful spider, with the curtain of the recess closely drawn, nor would he suffer any disturbance of the arrangements made about the table over night. No flies entered the web. As the early twilight fell Mr. Merridew's disappointment acquired a phase of excitement. He refused to eat his supper, quite pettishly, and sat bolt-upright at his desk, as if fearing some precious opportunity would escape him should he desert his post. Vigilance received unexpected reward. In the dark the burly form of a man passed the show-window, where a gas-jet flickered, returned slowly, and finally paused to read the placard. The next moment he entered. A heavy overcoat completely concealed the outline of his figure, which was of medium height, while a fur cap and worsted muffler about the throat rendered even his face indistinguishable, save for a reddish beard. He coughed, glanced about the place, and inquired in broken English:

"Is it here de letters write?"

"Yes," said Mr. Merridew, and led the way to the recess.

"How much you charge?" continued the stranger, warily.

"We will settle all that," said Mr. Merridew, briskly. "Are you a foreigner?"

"I am a German. I come from Wurtzburg. *Sprechen Sie Deutsch?* No? You see, I wish to write—some—to my boss on West, James Perkins. I can talk like sixty, but you must fix up a letter nice. Hey?"

Mr. Merridew dipped his pen in the ink signify his comprehension of the situation. In his own mind he decided to add to the trap in the window the additional bait of letters written for foreigners as yet unfamiliar with the language. The first missive of this polite letter-writer was long and discursive. Inquiries were made about the family of Mr. Perkins, the brewery and the savings-bank at Milwaukee. A minute history was given of Gretchen Miller's lover Max, who had taken to evil ways. The epistle was signed Johann Strauss.

"Can you say more—just a word?" asked the man.

"I suppose you mean to add a postscript?"

"Dat's it. Just so."

Then Mr. Merridew wrote at dictation the following postscript:

"Beware of wounding your own hand with the knife. Never trust fine ladies who play the governess."

The name of James Perkins was inscribed on the envelope, but without other address, for the man could not find it. In vain he fumbled in all his pockets for the scrap of paper on which number and street had been treasured. Finally he paid, promising to return in the morning for Mr. Merridew to complete the task, and, taking the letter to read to his wife, went away.

Left alone, the closing words of the letter reverted to Mr. Merridew's mind.

"That was a queer postscript to send a Western brewer," he mused, rubbing his nose with his pen. Then he upset a box of waters with his elbow, and was obliged to grope for them beneath the table on hand and knees. A gold piece lay on the floor directly under the table. He seized and held the treasure near the light. At first glance it appeared to be a twenty-franc gold coin, but on closer inspection it proved to be a medal of Napoleon Bonaparte, commemorative of the battle of Marengo.

"The man must have dropped it from one of his many pockets," thought Mr. Merridew, dazzled by the shining gold. "I will give it to him when he comes back with the address for the envelope."

The next day passed. The man never returned, but the placard disappeared from the shop window, almost magically, unless a woman took it who entered to beg.

III.

Harry Lewiston was of a sanguine temperament, yet he could not deny that the prospect of the opening year was gloomy. He wished to marry Rosy Merridew, for whom he felt a rapturous devotion. He was a clerk in a chemical manufactory, and as he possessed unusual quickness of intelligence, his employer had promised to promote him to the post of bookkeeper on the 1st of January if he would invest the sum of one thousand dollars in the business. This advancement meant an increase of salary, marriage with the girl of his choice, and a home.

"He might as well ask me to fly to the moon on a broomstick," grumbled Harry, with a wrinkle in his white forehead. "How am I to get a thousand dollars scraped together by the new year? Does he expect me to take the first old gentleman by the nose I happen to meet in the street and demand the sum or his life?"

He was two years older than Margaret, and had always cast the burden of care on her shoulders since childhood. She had made him a home on the fourth floor of a shabby house located on a dirty street. Brother and sister belonged to the class of toilers who must earn their own bread in large towns. She revelled in her abode, and, like Mrs. Merridew, dreamed of fresh fields, with a pot of plants growing on the window-ledge. On holidays Maggy baked and scrubbed, washed and mended, setting her house in order with a careful hand. "Boarding would bring me to an untimely grave," she said. "I like to make my own oatmeal porridge, and break the tea-cups myself."

A light step on the stair aroused Harry from his lugubrious meditations, and Rosy Merridew appeared on the threshold, wearing a captivating jacket of blue cloth trimmed with gilt buttons.

"I did not expect to find you here," she exclaimed, all smiles and blushes.

Harry took her in his arms and kissed her. "I have a business appointment at noon, before going to the factory," he said, after this agreeable preliminary embrace.

Maggy warmly seconded the caress, and put on her bonnet. She was going shopping with Rosy, as the day was Saturday. The two girls departed in gay spirits. Ten minutes later other steps ascended the stairway, and a small boy knocked at the door, demanding a bandbox left with the lady by a poor girl.

"There's no bandbox here, and I never heard of one," said Harry, testily, after searching the premises. Harry believed that there had been some mistake, and, with his accounts adjusted, went out, dismissing the matter.

Nobody in the great city extracted more enjoyment from a holiday than did Margaret Lewiston. On the present occasion she went about with Rosy, and at noon they ate chocolate cakes at the counter of a confectioner, after the manner of womenkind.

"Oh, Maggy, if we could see the skating at the Park!" exclaimed Rosy.

"Come along, then," rejoined the valiant Margaret.

"I must run home first and tell mother."

Rosy sped away, and Margaret lingered before a shop window resplendent with velvet and satin fabrics, wondering vaguely how it would seem to be thus arrayed instead of being condemned to flimsy black cashmere. A man paused beside her. She recognized the bearded individual who had knocked off her hat on that evening a week before when she went to the teachers' meeting. She edged away with a flush of resentment. To walk rapidly along the street only confirmed a suspicion that he was following her. Why? Her heart beat more quickly. She entered a large store, and passed out at right angels by another door. The second street gained, Maggy slipped into an area behind the ash-barrel. After waiting a few moments she smiled at her own cowardice, emerged, doubled back, and regained her post of waiting for Rosy, with a certain exhilaration in having led her follower a fruitless quest. Scarcely had she resumed her place when a hand grasped her arm, while a voice said:

"This time I have you."

Maggy grew pale. The bearded man was again beside her.

"What do you wish?" she murmured, faintly.

"Much," he replied with coolness.

"How dare you touch me!" she exclaimed, with sudden courage, for she saw Harry and Rose approaching, arm in arm.

"I beg your pardon. For Heaven's sake don't run away again!" cried the stranger, striding after her as she hastened toward the lovers.

"Harry is going with us to the Park!" was Rosy's joyful announcement.

"Ask this—person—to explain his conduct," said Maggy to her brother.

The stranger stood his ground. He continued to gaze at Margaret with an absorbed expression.

"I never saw hair like that out of Titian's country of Cadore," he said, meditatively.

"My hair!" echoed Maggy.

"Will you all come with me?" he inquired, hurriedly.

Harry assented, while curiosity struggled with disappointment in Rosy Merridew's breast.

Richard Woutner was an artist, with a studio in a neighboring building. He led the wondering group into a spacious room, with a large window to the north, and all the picturesque confusion characteristic of such quarters. Margaret submitted to standing in the light, and with a deft turn of her finger's brought the coil of golden red hair down on her shoulders, whence it fell rippling below her waist. Never was flimsy black gown covered with a more superb mantle than those abundant locks, tawny in shadow and warm living gold in the light. Harry and Rose regarded this mate with a new respect. The artist revelled in its silky fineness with warm tones. Maggy looked at him beneath her level brows with unfeigned perplexity.

The homage of his admiration was like some sweet and unfamiliar music. Margaret's womanhood had bloomed into vivid beauty under this fostering ray.

"Wait!" The artist dragged rich stuffs from a chest, and stripped a cloak from a lay figure in the corner. Maggy's every-day raiment was concealed by a sheen of velvet and damask; her tresses were caught up in a golden net. Next he twined strands of artificial pearls about her neck and placed a great fan of feathers

[To be Continued.]

SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE.

E. E. GRANICE - - - - - - - - - - - EDITOR

SONOMA, MARCH 20, 1886.

Communications upon matters of local or general interest solicited.

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The author's real name must accompany all communications, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. This rule will not be deviated from.

HOW TO SOLVE IT.

The most difficult portion of the Chinese question is how labor is to be supplied in orchards and vineyards during the picking season to the exclusion of the Chinese.

At present it must be confessed that Chinese help is necessary for picking fruit, pruning vines, etc., as white labor in the State is entirely insufficient for that purpose. Still, the large orchardists and vineyardists could in a very short time obviate this difficulty, did they so choose, by the importation of French and Italian peasants accustomed to the sort of labor now performed by the Chinese. The experiment of importing French vineyardists has been tried in the case of a large vineyard in Fresno county and has been found eminently satisfactory.

It will be urged that this would be an expensive way of supplanting the Chinese, and that very few of the fruit-growers could afford it. The difficulty could be overcome by a combination of growers. They could set apart some small lots of land upon which cottages could be built, which cottages could be paid for by suitable immigrants with labor. There would be, first, the expense of the passage of the laborers from Europe; second, the value of the land with interest for the number of years during which the labor installments upon it would have to be paid; and third, the expense of building the cottages with interest, etc. The benefits that would accrue by such a plan would be: Skilled labor at hand whenever wanted, the cultivation of the lots set apart for the laborers, and the immigration of a hardy, industrious and sober race, whose progeny would in future supply the now much-needed labor for vineyards and orchards.

The wages now paid to Chinamen in the country would, with comfortable quarters and good food, be wealth to the poorer classes of the south of France, Switzerland and Italy.

Married men should be chosen, as less likely to desire a change of locality. Besides, every child would be a step towards solving the labor question.

Hence, although Chinese may be necessary just at this moment for the vineyards and orchards, by united action of fruit and olive growers, raisin and wine-grape vineyardists most desirable labor could be substituted for that of Chinese. Such labor, while of great value to cultivators, would also help to settle up the State, and the immigrants' children would settle once and for all the labor question. The subject is certainly worthy of the consideration of the California Fruit Union, by which it is hoped it will be thoroughly ventillated.—S. F. Report.

It now looks as though California cannot look to Congress for relief from the Chinese curse. The Eastern sentiment is against us and Congressmen and Senators from States on the other side of the Rockies, to please a people who sympathize with a race of whom they know nothing, and thus increase their chance for remaining in public life, are not inclined to help us. As an evidence of this is the action taken on the Morrow Chinese bill by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House. On Tuesday the committee decided by a vote of 7 to 6 to postpone its consideration, and take up in its stead the President's message recommending the payment of an indemnity to China for the outrages perpetrated on Chinese subjects in this country. Chairman Belmont, who cast the deciding vote, declared himself opposed to the Morrow bill, on the ground of its being in violation of treaty obligations. The above may be considered as a test vote and we predict that no relief will be granted by Congress this session. It really looks as though we have got the Chinaman and have got to keep him, so far as Congress is concerned.

The Anti-Chinese Convention in session in Sacramento last week, was one of the most exciting gatherings ever witnessed in this State. A boycott was declared which will be made general throughout the State, but no definite time has been set for carrying it out.

LULL OF PREPARATION FOR GREAT WARS.

The note of preparation for great wars between European powers and their Asiatic allies to settle the vexed question of the balance of power in Europe has ceased to control the markets of the world. The Balkan trouble has again been fixed up to the satisfaction of those most interested. Greece has ceased to roar war at the "Sublime Porte" and the "sick man" can now rest quietly until another dread note of alarm has been sounded from some quarter threatening war upon his ill-gotten dominions. The Irish Home Rule question is being considered by Parliament and the outlook is favorable for a speedy solution of the matter; the nihilists and other disturbers of the peace of crowned heads have quieted down and comparative peace prevails throughout the nations of the world.

With the opening of Spring the wheat market has become buoyant, prices have advanced, the crop prospects throughout the wheat growing belt of the Western Continent are above par, the world's business prospects are brightening and the volume of business transactions and exchange are expanding. A long and profitable season is promised to all classes. But all good harvest seasons have some backsets and the present is not to be exempt from her percentage of losses. Here in our own country we are confronted with a great strike of train men upon the Gould system of the Southwest, stopping all freight trains and materially hindering the rapid transit of the passenger and mail trains between this coast and the East. To all this may be added the great freight and passenger rate war now being waged by all the trans-continental and branch lines of railroads and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, in which the agents of each strive to outrival the others in the number of tickets sold, regardless of ruinous prices. But these troubles between employers and employees will come to an end ere long, and the rate war will be adjusted before the accumulated surplus millions of the great corporations have disappeared from their strong-boxes, and trade will again assume a healthy tone.

Last, but by no means least, of the vexatious questions in our own country, and which may involve us more or less in trouble with China, is the united effort of our people to rid the workingmen of the land from competition with Chinese contract labor. This movement is making headway everywhere throughout the Pacific Coast, and, except in a few instances, in a lawful manner, and generally so quietly that before competing Chinamen know that they are being ostracised they will find their means of obtaining a livelihood in the pursuit of their chosen occupations, like castles built in the air, vanishing never again to be reproduced upon this coast.

NO SUBSIDY ASKED.

Ed. Index-Tribune: From the tone of your editorial relative to my communication last week, I infer that you somewhat misconstrued or misunderstood my meaning as regards the grading and building of a railroad to Napa. *I did not intend to convey the idea that the people of Sonoma should give a subsidy.* My meaning was, that the people of Sonoma should subscribe for stock to defray the expense of grading the road, and that the road would be finished by the aid of outside parties, who believe the investment would be profitable. Wanderer.

March 17, 1886.

Ex-Governor William Irwin died in San Francisco last Monday, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Irwin held many positions of public trust in his life time and leaves behind him an honorable record. At the time of his death he was President of the State Board of Harbor Commissioners. He was formerly in the newspaper business and for years edited the "Yreka Union," forsaking the editorial profession to take his seat as Governor of this State in 1876.

The House Committee on Public Lands to-day agreed to report favorably upon the bill to repeal the Pre-emption, Timber Culture and Desert Land laws.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Educational Bill and the Senate—The Pension Bill.

The Recitation of "Ostler Joe" Creates a Sensation in Society Circles.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, March 8, 1886.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring," sings Koko in the Mikado, "have nothing to do with the case." And the same may be said of some of the speeches delivered on the pension bill just passed by the House of Representatives. This commendable measure, to which no member objected, was the innocent cause of a five days debate, during which old war issues were revived, the bloody shirt waved aloft, and any amount of bitterness and patriotism developed, thus affording Congressmen a chance to make political speeches for their constituents to read.

Much to the surprise of all the Educational bill went through the Senate with flying colors after a tempestuous voyage of three weeks. Three-fourths of the Senators indorsed it by their votes, but its fate in the House is more doubtful. There has been a great change of sentiment on the subject since it was first broached, and the feeling is spreading that the southern states, where illiteracy is most prevalent, will be able to provide for the education of their own people, and will be more likely to do so if left to themselves.

The debate on the President's prerogatives is to begin to-day, and the air promises to be full of the Stuarts and the Roundheads, and good entertainment is confidently expected. Mr. Cleveland is well satisfied over the result of his message. He feels that he has been wise in thus presenting his view of the case to the people. He has heard a good deal of praise for what he has done.

The Republican Senators who have been spoken to on the subject were disposed to raise no objection to the confirmation of the newly appointed Recorder of Deeds, Mr. Mathews, the colored lawyer of Albany, who is to succeed Frederick Douglass. Since the nomination was announced they have had considerable sport at the expense of their Democratic colleagues. The dissatisfaction over this appointment, which has been so freely expressed by the Democrats of the District, is on the ground that the office, being a strictly local one, should have been filled by a local man. They think the appointment a good one politically, and Southern men admit that the news of the appointment will go far towards assuring the colored men of the South that the Administration is friendly to their race.

To-morrow evening the President will hold a Congressional reception, which may be said to mark the end of the present social season, Miss Cleveland having held her last formal "Saturday afternoon" prior to lent.

The closing event of to-morrow will be the grand crush of the season. Senators and Members of Congress, with ladies of their families, have been courteously invited by card this time, and will attend in force. So will the Diplomatic Corps, the Army and Navy, the Judiciary, and the newspaper people, all of whom have been invited through a newspaper announcement to meet Congress at the White House.

The "Ostler Joe" business, like Banquo's ghost, will not down. This sensation of society circles started over two weeks ago, spread quickly, and New York society it is said has not been more disturbed in a decade than by Washington society blaming Mrs. Potter for reciting "Ostler Joe." Although there has been so much in the papers about Mrs. Potter's recitation and how it startled Mrs. Whitney's guests, etc., your readers may not have gotten the real gist of the matter. If so, it may be interesting to relate that the occurrence was at a musicale given in Secretary Whitney's parlors, for some charitable object. Seats sold at $3.00 apiece, and everybody was there in full dress. Mrs. James Brown Potter the noted amateur actress, a lady of the utmost social pretension, being an admired figure in the Astor circle of New York, recited the above mentioned poem. She declaimed with more than ordinary emphasis and clearness. The poem was of unsparing length and of increasing high flavor, and her listeners did not preserve an even front. The young maidens retreated behind their fans and shuddered visibly, the dowagers grew rigid and looked fiercely at the rash elocutionist, the gentlemen grew red in the face and looked at the ceiling. The piece ended in perfect silence and Mrs. Potter was shocked when she learned how her recitation was regarded.

There does not seem to be any question of morals involved in the recitation of such verses, but only one of taste. They tell of a pretty woman's downfall through sin and speak of "wanton eyes" and the "blood red rose of lust," which many listeners thought ought not to be talked about in a mixed assembly of young people of both sexes, and in a private parlor where only pleasant things are expected.

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F Walter,	do	D Ewing,	Sonoma
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Miss Nolting,	do	J Gardiner,	Toronto C
D A Hunt,	do	J Connell Sr,	Cal
J Connell Jr,	Cal		

BORN.

CLEWE—In Sonoma, March 12th, to the wife of F. Clewe, a son.

DIED.

LITZIUS—In Sonoma, March 17th, Henrietta Josephine, youngest daughter of L. and H. Litzius, aged 5 years and 18 days.

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[Election, April 12, 1886.[

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3. TRUSTEE, H. C. MANUEL.
4. CLERK, E. J. MULLIN.
5. TREASURER, JOHN TIVNEN.
6. MARSHAL, JOHN H. MILLER.

PEOPLES' TICKET.

[Election, April 12, 1886.]

For

1. TRUSTEE, L. B. LAWRENCE.
2. TRUSTEE, H. RASCHEN.
3. TRUSTEE, L. LITZIUS.
4. CLERK, JAS. McDONNELL Jr.
5. TREASURER, JOHN TIVNEN.
6. MARSHAL, L. BREITENBACH.

CITIZENS' TICKET.

[Election, April 12, 1886.]

For

1. TRUSTEE, H. RASCHEN.
2. TRUSTEE, HENRY WEYL.
3. TRUSTEE, J. M. BURKE.
4. CLERK, JAS. McDONNELL, Jr.
5. TREASURER, M. MULDRY.
6. MARSHAL, L. BREITENBACH.

Regular Municipal and Tax-Payers' Ticket.

[Election, April 12, 1886.]

For

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2. TRUSTEE, L. B. LAWRENCE.
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4. CLERK, JAS. McDONNELL, Jr.
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6. MARSHAL, L. BREITENBACH.

NON-PARTISAN TICKET.

[Election, April 12, 1886.]

For

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2. TRUSTEE, L. B. LAWRENCE.
3. TRUSTEE, L. LITZIUS.
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Land Office at San Francisco, California, March 3d, 1886.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land viz:

C. H. Hartwell, Erik Peterson and James W. McKamy, of Glen Ellen P. O., and Charles Wilson of Sonoma P. O., all of Sonoma Co., Cal.

m6 6t Wm. R. Wheaton, Register.

LAND NOTICE.

Land Office at San Francisco, California, February 6, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at San Francisco, Cal., on MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1886, viz: JOHN TURLEY, Pre-emption D. S., No. 17,774 for the los 2, 3 and 4, and S. ½ of N. W. ¼ Sec. 2, T. 6, N. R. 6 W., M. D. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Pierce Powers, Jacob Frideger, James McGinty and Edward J. Heenan, all of Glen Ellen P. O., Sonoma county, Cal.

fe13 6t Wm. R. Wheaton, Register.

TO THE PUBLIC!

We, the undersigned saloonkeepers of Sonoma, agree and mutually pledge ourselves, that from and after this date, we will not patronize any cigar manufacturer known to have Chinese in his employ, and as a further guarantee, we will not accept of any cigars unless the boxes containing the same have the White Cigarmakers' Association Label thereon.

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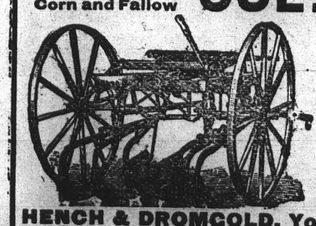

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SONOMA, MARCH 20, 1886.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CITY CLERK.

JAMES McDONNELL Jr., ANNOUNCES himself a candidate for the office of City Clerk, subject to the votes of the people. Election, April 12th.

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FOR CITY TRUSTEE.

HENRY RASCHEN ANNOUNCES HIMself as a candidate for City Trustee of Sonoma, at the election to take place April 12th, subject to the decision of the people.

FOR CITY CLERK.

E. J. MULLIN ANNOUNCES HIMSELF AS A candidate for the office of City Clerk of Sonoma, subject to the decision of the people at the election to be held April 12, 1886.

FOR CITY TRUSTEE.

J. M. BURKE HEREBY ANNOUNCES HIMself as a candidate for Trustee of Sonoma City, at the election to take place on the 12th of April, subject to the votes of the people.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Pruning is about over.

The best of accommodations at the Union Hotel. *

Thousands of resistant vines have been planted in this valley the past two months.

The outlook for a large yield of grapes was never more favorable at this season of the year.

Large fresh Eastern oysters and fresh fish every Thursday evening until further notice, at A. F. Pauli & Co.'s. *

M. K. Cady of the Agua Caliente Springs Hotel, has just completed a dancing platform for the accommodation of his guests.

Heavy showers of rain which fell in this valley on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning were gladly welcomed by farmers.

C. Aguillon made a large shipment of wine by the Sonoma Valley Railroad on Wednesday last. The wine from this gentleman's cellar is much sought after and Mr. Aguillon is kept busy filling orders.

The following residents of Sonoma were drawn as trial jurors, last week, in Department One of the Superior Court: J. M. Burke, Patrick Carmody, John Ludemann, James Burns and L. M. Johansen.

There passed though Sonoma on Thursday, consigned to Decker & Jewett, near Glen Ellen, a thoroughbred Holstein bull and heifer. They were two-year-olds and were imported from Holland at a cost of $350 each.

W. Eastman, a gentleman who has had large experience in poultry raising near San Francisco, has leased the Agua Caliente Poultry Yards and will go into the chicken business at that place on an extensive scale.

By reference to our advertising columns it will will be seen that J. H. Drummond, Glen Ellen, offers for sale young stock cattle, bred from the Baden herd of Durham short horns of George Ashburner, San Mateo county.

Ed. Gillan, our efficient roadmaster, is at present engaged in grading the road this side of the Agua Caliente Springs for a distance of half-a-mile or so. When finished the road between this town and the above place will be an excellent one.

J. H. Drummond, one of the most enterprising viticulturists in this State, and who is doing much toward developing the wine interest of this valley in general and the Glen Ellen district in particular, is representing his district in the Viticultural Convention now in session in San Francisco.

At a depth of 189 feet a fine flow of water was struck, last Monday, in the artesian well being bored in the rear of Fochetti's blacksmith shop. The water rises 2 feet 8 inches above the surface. The well was bored by Wm. B. Read and will average 8,000 or 10,000 gallons per day.

All that can be supplied towards making the natural hair beautiful and abundant is contained in Ayer's Hair Vigor. It keeps the scalp free from dandruff, prevents the hair from becoming dry and harsh, and makes it flexible and glossy. It stimulates the roots to healthy action and promotes a healthy, vigorous growth.

There is on exhibition at Martin's blacksmith shop, a two-seated road wagon, which for durability and beauty of finish is a credit to the young mechanics who manufactured it. The wagon was made for Henry Winkle by John and George Martin, who are first-class workmen in everything that pertains to the blacksmith trade.

The "Police Gazette" makes an announcement in this issue. No one is compelled to send $1.00, or even for a sample copy, but thirteen issues would furnish enough pictures to cover your house, provided the house is not too large. If you want the paper and don't want to send for it, hand us your $1.00 and we will forward it for you.

Eli T. Sheppard of the Madrone Vineyard, has a pair of bronze vases present from the Mikado of Japan, which are over six hundred years old. His beautiful and cosy country residence is a perfect museum of wonders, his articles of virtu being the most rare that we have seen in a long time. Mr. Sheppard has traveled extensively and being a great admirer of art he has made the best of his opportunities which is amply testified to by his collections.

COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

A Non-Partisan Contest in Every Particular.

Five Tickets in the Field and More to Come—Personnel of the Candidates.

Great interest is being manifested by our people in the forthcoming election for municipal officers, which takes place on the 12th proximo. The contest will essentially be a non-partisan one and party lines will be completely obliterated. Already, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, there are five tickets in the field, to-wit: the "Taxpayers'," "Peoples'," "Citizens," "Non-Partisan" and "Regular Municipal and Taxpayers," and the end is not yet. All that is lacking to bring to the surface another ticket or two is a name to distinguish them by and give them individuality, and if the vocabulary has not become exhausted there is a possibility of there being seven tickets in the field.

There are six gentlemen urged for Trustees, and as only three are to be elected, a corresponding number will of course "get left." Now, this is unfortunate, as all the candidates are well qualified for the position, if honesty and capability are the requisites to gauge a candidate by, and all conscientious voters are united on that proposition.

L. B. Lawrence, who is named by his friends as a candidate for Trustee, is a practicing physician in this place, a native of New York, 45 years of age, married, and has resided in Sonoma several years. He has been eminently successful in his profession and has made hosts of friends. He is a progressive man and believes in improvement, as is amply testified to by an inspection of the grounds surrounding his private residence on Terrace Hill.

Henry Raschen, who has also consented to become a candidate for Trustee, is the popular proprietor of the Union Hotel. Mr. R. is a wide-awake man, believes in patronizing home institutions, and by his genial and entertaining manners as a host has made the Union a good paying property. He spends his money liberally, is a good fellow all around, 33 years of age, married, and a native of Germany.

Henry Weyl is another gentleman who has been pressed forward by his numerous friends to run for Trustee. He is one of the solid citizens of the town, a merchant and quite wealthy. He has served one term as Trustee with marked ability, and it is his boast that he is as careful in managing the affairs of the city as he is in taking care of his own private business. Mr. Weyl is 51 years of age, a portly, dignified gentleman, married, and a native of Germany.

L. Litzius, who is put forward by his friends for Trustee, is a gentleman who has resided in Sonoma for many years. A man of strong willpower, good business capacity, independent in all things, and with a backbone as of a rod of iron, he can be depended upon to live up to any promises he may make. He is a native of Germany, married, and 51 years of age. Mr. L. when he meets a friend, squares himself, thrusts his hands in his pockets, throws back his shoulders and—you have him.

J. M. Burke has been urged to become a candidate by many of our citizens, who recognize in him all the elements that go to make up an honest, capable and conscientious Trustee. Mr. B. is a carpenter by trade, a native of Ireland, married, and 43 years of age.

H. C. Manuel, who is on several of the tickets, is put forward by his friends, who see in him all that is desirable in making a good Trustee. Mr. M. is a contractor, a successful business man, a native of Vermont, and 49 years of age.

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Martin Guldry, who has been prevailed upon by his friends to compete for Treasurer, has been a resident of Sonoma for twelve years. He is a practical man, honest in his convictions, a good citizen, progressive and liberal in his views, courteous and has a host of friends. He is a saloon-keeper by occupation and a carpenter by trade, a native of New York and 40 years of age.

For City Marshal there are two candidates in the contest. L. Breitenbach, the present incumbent, and John H. Miller. There ought to be a salary attached to this office as its duties are quite arduous and the commissions small.

John H. Miller, who aspires to the position, is a gentleman of fine physique, of good moral character and is highly respected for his many good qualities. He is a native of New York, drayman by occupation and 38 years of age.

L. Breitenbach, his competitor, is a young man of powerful frame and is the only man in town who can lift the 200-lb dumb-bell belonging to the Sonoma Turn Verein. He was appointed Marshal several months ago by the Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jas. R. Dyer. He has been a close collector, is a native of California, 31 years of age, unmarried and a farmer.

The Murder Trial.

[S. R. Democrat.]

The case of the People vs. Andrew Johnson, charged with killing David Boyd at the Ocean View House, came up for trial Tuesday, March 16th. The forenoon was taken up with excusing jurors, etc. At 11 o'clock A. M., the court adjourned until 2 P. M. The court reconvened at 2 o'clock, and the work of empanneling the jurors began. About thirty were dismissed before the jury was empanneled. The counsel on both sides questioned the jurors closely, among whom were several opposed to capital punishment, and therefore could not serve. At 5 P. M. the court adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, having drawn and empanneled the jury as follows: L. M. Johannsen, Sonoma; C. A. Merrill, Washington; W. R. Glidden, Redwood; N. Bugher, Santa Rosa; W. H. Underhill, Santa Rosa; J. Loranger, Artone Meyer, Petaluma; O. D. Bonner, Santa Rosa; J. Spridgens, Santa Rosa; A. Bouton, Washington; J. H. Cook, Santa Rosa; W. H. Van Voast, Redwood.

Sad Death.

The funeral of Henriette Litzius, the little five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Litzius, who died last Thursday, took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large circle of friends of the bereaved parents. The death of little Henriette was indeed sad. She had been prostrated on a bed of sickness for a long time with that dreadful malady, diphtheria, and after hovering between life and death for weeks, she was pronounced out of danger. After being up and around for a week or so she was again taken down, this time with pneumonia, and in her weakened condition the disease proved fatal. Henriette was a bright child, a general favorite and the idol of her parents.

Election of Officers.

The Sonoma Turn Verein, at its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J. J. Wystyrk, President; H. Raschen, Vice President; H. Lutgens, Secretary; L. Breitenbach, Treasurer; J. E. Poppe, First Turnwart; W. Wilson, Second Turnwart; Geo. Martin, Warden; J. H. Albertson, P. N. Stofen, Geo. Engler, Trustees.

SANTA ROSA NEWS.

[Daily Democrat.]

It is rumored that an Assembly of the Knights of Labor is to be organized in Santa Rosa soon.

Deputy District Attorney Davis has left for the southern part of New Mexico on business.

The farmers in Bennett Valley report the vines as being in good condition and the fruit trees doing well.

A fir tree cut down on the ranch of John Ely, Friday afternoon, contained, inside of the trunk, eleven gallons of pure balsam of fir. That was the amount saved, and it is thought that as much more was lost.

Two old settlers are expected to arrive here this week, Joseph E. Brockman and wife, who came to Sonoma county in 1850. They are coming to visit their eldest son, Israel Brockman, who came to this county in 1848.

The Chinese laundry wagons which were loaded to overflowing Monday, last week, with bundles of washing, carried but very small loads yesterday. Every week it will no doubt grow correspondingly less, as new laundries are started and the ones already established increase their facilities.

Leonard Britton one of the parties who so narrowly escaped the fate of their companion, A. W. Childers, while driving from Petaluma a week ago Sunday, had his arm set Monday. The delay of the operation was caused by the member being so badly swollen as to prevent its being properly set. It was feared at first that an abscess was forming near the elbow.

Genuine white labor cigars made by M. Basch, 624 Washington street, San Francisco. For sale by Jas. Ruffner, Odd Fellow's block.

Glen Ellen.

A visit to Glen Ellen and adjacent vineyards, last Saturday, showed many marked improvements up that way. J. T. Peters, mine host of the Mervyn House, has laid off a portion of the grounds on the west side of the hotel and planted the same with Kentucky blue grass, and other improvements which he contemplates will make the Mervyn one of the most desirable summering resort in the State. At the Glen Ellen Hotel we found C. H. Crofoot, who has lately taken possession, a genial and accomodating landlord and a gentleman who knows how to entertain the traveler. A visit to the postoffice brought us face to face with James W. Gibson, the former proprietor of the Glen Ellen Hotel, but who is now running the village meat market and has charge of the postoffice. We were pleased to learn that he was doing a thriving business and as happy as usual. At the freight depot we met Wm. Sobbe, freight and ticket agent of the Sonoma Valley Railroad at that place. Mr. Sobbe, although suffering from a crushed hand, caused by a pipe of wine weighing 1,500 pounds falling upon it a few days before, was around attending to his duties as though such matters were an every day occurrence to him. Bidding him *adios*, we next visited the store of C. O. Borman, a young English gentleman who has located permanently in Glen Ellen. Mr. B. spoke very encouragingly of his business prospects and the future prosperity of the little village which nestles in one of the most romantic spots of the valley. Leaving Mr. Borman we stumbled across C. J. Poppe, every body knows Charley for miles around. He is the pioneer merchant of the town and has great hopes for the future of Glen Ellen, and well may he have, situated as the place is amid the most noted vineyards in the State.

Mrs. Brichetto Awarded the Custody of Her Adopted Child.

The custody of Johanna Fontanaroza, who formesly resided in this place, has been awarded to Johanna Brichetto. Suit was commenced for possession of the child before Judge Toohy of San Francisco several months ago. In rendering his decision the Court said that it appeared from the testimony that the child when two months old was given into the possession of Mrs. Brichetto to nurse at Cincinnati. The parents lost sight and knowledge of her when she was 2 years of age. In 1878 the nurse and child came to California, and since that time, with the exception of a single inquiry, the parents took no steps to discover their lost danghter until a year ago. The testimony of the parents showed that they believed their child was in this State, but they made no inquiry and justified their extraordinary silence on the ground that they were poor. The Court held that poverty could hardly excuse them for neglecting an occasional inexpensive inquiry throughout all the seven years of helpless childhood, when their little one was being kindly reared by the good woman whose boundless affection had not been questioned by either of the parents. He ruled that the parents are not entitled to the custody of the child, not only on the ground of their own neglect, but upon the rights and interests of the child. In conclusion the Judge said the best interests of this girl require that she remain in the care, custody and control of Johanna Brichetto, to whom, I am satisfied, she was absolutely and unreservedly given about the year 1875 by the petitioner and her husband. The writ is therefore denied.

Good Results in Every Case.

D. A. Bradford, wholesale paper dealer of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes that he was seriously afflicted with a severe cold that settled on his lungs; had tried many remedies without benefit. Being induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, did so and was entirely cured by use of a few bottles. Since which time he has used it in his family for all Coughs and Colds with best results. This is the experience of thousands whose lives have been saved by this Wonderful Discovery. Trial bottles free at all Drug Stores.

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The Agua Caliente Springs Hotel, having been enlarged and refurnished is now one of the most elegant and attractive summer and winter resorts on the coast. Visitors will find the house supplied with every modern convenience, and no pains will be spared to make their stay pleasant and comfortable. Prices to correspond with the dull times. *

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When Baby was sick, we gave her CASTORIA,
When she was a Child, she cried for CASTORIA.
When she became a Miss, she clung to CASTORIA,
When she had Children, she gave them CASTORIA

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The Union Hotel is doing a rushing business. Don't forget that this hotel is becoming more popular every day. *

Seed potatoes in any quantity for sale at Christie's. He is making a specialty of these potatoes and farmers are invited to inspect them.

Christie has always on hand the finest of Spring chickens for the table, which he will dispose of at reasonable prices. *

If you have eggs for sale, take them to Christie's Egg Depot. He pays the highest market price for them—cash, down. *

The Union Hotel is becoming quite a resort for city visitors to Sonoma. The fame of this hotel is becoming well known to travelers and pleasure seekers. *

MISCELLANEOUS.

LOST.

ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SONOMA AND Santa Rosa, on the 12th instant, a REGISTERED LETTER, addressed to Martin Peter, Glen Ellen. Finder will please deliver to Postmaster at Sonoma or Glen Ellen. MARTIN PETER.
Glen Ellen, March 15, 1886. m20tt

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3 ROOMS SUITABLE FOR OFFICES OR LIVING apartments in the Odd Fellows' Building, Broadway, Sonoma. Inquire of M. F. TURLEY, Secretary.
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A CARD.

To the numerous requests made by my friends that I become a candidate for City Clerk at the ensuing election I take this method of thanking them for the compliment, but respectfully decline to run.

J. J. WYSTYRK.

Sonoma, March 10, 1886.

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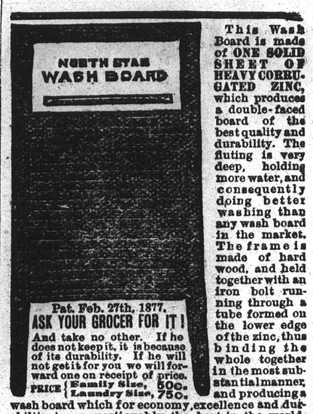

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SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE.
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1886.

THE END OF IT.

A Fortune, and How it was Squandered.

The following is taken from a recent issue of the Santa Cruz "Sentinel:"

"Papers in a divorce suit are to be filed this week in our Superior Court, the wife asking for a divorce on the ground of failure to provide, intemperance and cruelty. Aside from the allegations on which the petition is based there is a short chapter from the life of the defendant which was told to a reporter by J. M. Lucas of San Jose, who represents the plaintiff. The defendant's father, so the story began, was an old pioneer, crossing the plains at an early day with his wife and only child (the defendant). They settled in Santa Clara county, where the old man secured a large Spanish grant. The father, by strict frugality and a shrewdness in business transactions, managed to accumulate considerable of a fortune, which he was careful enough not to let slip through his fingers. The son married the plaintiff in the suit in 1868. Four years afterwards the old gentleman bade farewell to this mundane sphere, but before doing so made a will, by the provisions of which the property, was left in trust to an intimate friend, for the benefit of the plaintiff and defendant, who were given a certain income from the estate. The will further provided that the property, on the death of the plaintiff and defendant, should go to their children, two girls and a boy, and now aged 11, 13 and 15 years respectively. By an agreement with the trustee, however, the son endeavored to break the will in the Court of Santa Clara county, but the will stood against the fierce legal onslaughts of the counsel, and was duly admitted to probate. A prominent lawyer in this State received for his services in the case 460 acres of valuable land. The defendant, it is alleged, was in his father's time one of the 'bhoys,' and through sustaining the son's reputation as a 'high roller' his father's bank account was lessened $100,000, which the old man paid in hard coin at one time or another while the son was planting his wild oats.

After the father's death the young couple resided on the home place, but gradually the love which had blessed their early union began to fly out through the windows of the cottage, and flew so far away that it was beyond recall, and was all brought about, as the wife claims, by her husband's dissoluteness and love for the stuff that 'biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.' The wife finding that patience had ceased to be a virtue removed to Santa Cruz last January to rid herself of her worst half. The property was sold and the defendant sent to San Francisco by the Trustee, in the hope that he would stay there. The children were placed in the schools of this city, and everything was going along peaceably when the defendant returned to San Jose, where he learned his wife had gone to Santa Cruz. Hither he came a month ago, having footed it across the mountains, his attire when he presented himself to his astonished household being a pair of overalls and a linen duster. This was also the extent of his wardrobe. His wife took pity on him and gave him the shelter of her humble roof, but, she alleges, his treatment of her was a cruel return for her kindness. He is 37 years, and she has seen 35 summers come and go. The children are unusually bright and intelligent, and the income derived from the trust fund is amply sufficient for all necessary purposes."

The plaintiff in the suit is Elena E. Hollenbeck, wife of B. S. Hollenbeck. The father of the defendant was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of this county, and at the time of his death owned a large tract of land near Mountain View known as the Hollenbeck tract. This land afterwards passed into the possession of D. M. Delmas, who was attorney for young Hollenbeck in the unsuccessful will contest. The complaint in the divorce suit was filed in the Clerk's office at Santa Cruz yesterday.

First Dude—"Yas, Chawley is a good enough fellow, but he is so fearfully defawmed, ye know."

Second Dude—"Defawmed? No, I dind't know it. In what way is Chawley defawmed?"

First Dude—"Why, Gawge! Ye see he has a hawid great cowlick wight on his fawhead, so he cawn't part his hair in the middle. It's too deuced bad, ye know, for aside from his defawmity Chawley is a danged good fellah, ye know."

Senator Jones of Florida, is said to be somewhere in the West laying siege to the hearts of two widows, one worth $400,000 and the other $600,000. He is himself a widower with nine children.

Teacher—What is velocity? Bright Youth—Velocity is wnat a man puts a hot plate down with.

The Fruit Trade.

[Resources of California.]

The wonderful increase in the fruit-growing industry of California is almost beyond belief. Between the first day of January and the first day of September, 1884, only 8,000,000 pounds were sent to the Eastern States by rail. During a corresponding period in 1885, 2,000 carloads, or 40,000,000 pounds were shipped, being an increase of 32,000,000 pounds in one year. These figures show a marvelous progress in a single branch of industry, and when we take into consideration the new orchards which will come into bearing next year, and the natural increase in productiveness of the older ones, we may reasonably estimate that these figures will be nearly doubled in 1886. When we can lay down our fruit in Chicago, New York, New Orleans and other cities at prices which all classes can afford to pay, the fruit-growers of California will reap a rich harvest. Measures now being matured by those interested in this great industry, looking to the formation of a central association through which lead to a material reduction in freights, which, if accomplished, will make fruit-growing the leading industry of California.

A Physician's Confession.

[A Young St. Louis Physician.]

You frequently see funny expressions in print about doctors killing their patients. Well, the thing is true. I, myself, acknowledge to having killed two patients. I killed them outright, and made no bones of confessing the fact. One man I killed by prescribing morphine at a time when his system was not strong enough to stand the drug. He left an estate, and there was some excitement about dividing the estate. His wife was charged with having poisoned him, ane the remains were exhumed, and there was a great to-do about the matter, but I pulled through it all right. The other was suffering from a prolonged spree, and I gave him chloral, which killed him. It was an out-and-out murder, but the Coroner held an inquest, and attributed his death to the jimjams. These two people I know I killed, and, as I am yet young, and there are more active poisonous agents than those I have so far experimented with, I expect to kill more people before I die.

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Small Farmers.

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The Plug Hat.

[Carson Appeal.]

There are several things in Carson besides the Chinese that ought to go, and that before April 1st. We have set March 1st as the day that Charlie Mitteldorfer must call in his big plug hat. In this sage brush clime the fashion has already been dead set against beaver tiles as they smack of the effete and luxurious security of the Palace Hotel. We believe that Mitteldorfer is the only man in Carson who outrages the general custom of the town by sporting a plug. The plug hat was banished from the Nevada mining camps years ago. They had to hang several men who wore them and the fashion died oui.

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[Buck.]

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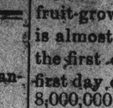

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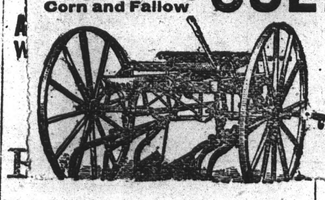

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